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**RESPONSE TO THE NEVADA SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD (NSSAB)
RECOMMENDATION FOR ENGINE MAINTENANCE ASSEMBLY AND DISASSEMBLY
(EMAD) PATH FORWARD (WORK PLAN ITEM #6)**

Reference: Letter, Bonesteel to Gamero, dated 9/30/2020

I would like to thank the NSSAB for its review of the plan for the end state for EMAD in the above-mentioned letter. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Environmental Management (EM) Nevada Program appreciates the time that the NSSAB spent in touring the EMAD facility in October 2019; and for its review and discussion during the NSSAB Full Board meetings in July and September 2020 on the Department's planned closure activities for the EMAD facility.

In addition to expressing support for the Department's planned end state for EMAD (demolition to slab of the remaining buildings and structures at the EMAD facility and the subsequent disposal of the generated waste), the NSSAB made the recommendations for consideration:

- Coordinate with the National Atomic Testing Museum to support a separate EMAD exhibit of its history and environmental restoration efforts
- Move the locomotive engine to Mercury, Nevada and place at the visitor center or along the highway with an exhibit

The DOE EM Nevada Program will continue to ensure the National Atomic Testing Museum is offered support for any EMAD exhibit at the museum. In fact, the museum has already had the opportunity to request certain items from EMAD in which they have interest.

The current plan for the locomotive is to leave it in place at EMAD, due to the difficulty and expense of moving it. While the condition of the track and the expense to access the locomotive alternatively make moving it currently undesirable, the NSSAB's recommendation will be considered in the future if conditions change.

The DOE EM Nevada Program appreciates the support of the NSSAB in this endeavor and the efforts made by the Board to provide recommendations. As always, the NSSAB's input is valued and your efforts are greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Barbara Ulmer, NSSAB Administrator, at (702) 523-0894.

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